In the Claims

These claims will replace all prior versions in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A golf putting training device, comprising:

an elongated frame having opposite ends and sides, and defining a channel therebetween the opposite ends and sides; and

a bridge extending between the opposite sides and located intermediate the opposite ends of the frame, and wherein the bridge defines, in part, an aperture through which a golf ball may pass, and wherein a golf putter may putt the golf ball in opposite directions through the aperture and towards the opposite ends of the elongated frame.

2. (Previously Presented) A golf putting device as claimed in claim 1, and wherein the elongated frame has a height dimension which is greater than the radius of a golf ball.

3. (Previously Presented) A golf putting training device as claimed in claim 1, and wherein the elongated frame has a first and second portion which are hingedly mounted together, and which permits the golf putting training device to be folded for storage.

4. (Withdrawn) A golf putting training device as claimed in claim 1, and wherein the elongated frame has a first and second portion which are releasably coupled together to form the elongated frame, and wherein the first and second portions may be readily uncoupled from each other to facilitate storage of the golf putting training device.

5. (Withdrawn) A golf putting training device as claimed in claim 1, and wherein the elongated frame has a first and second portion, and wherein one of the first or second portions defines an internal cavity, and wherein one of the first or second portions telescopes internally within the internal cavity defined by the other to facilitate storage of the golf putting training device.

6. (Previously Presented) A golf putting training device as claimed in claim 1, and wherein the elongated frame has a first and second portion, each of which having a length dimension which is substantially equal.

7. (Previously Presented) A golf putting training device as claimed in claim 1, and wherein the elongated frame has a first and second portion, each of which having a length dimension which is unequal.

8. (Previously Presented) A golf putting training device as claimed in claim 1, and wherein the bridge is mounted on the elongated frame at a location which is about midway between the opposite ends of the elongated frame.

9. (Previously Presented) A golf putting training device as claimed in claim 1, and wherein the elongated frame has a first and second portion, and wherein the bridge is mounted on one of the first or second portions.

10. (Previously Presented) A golf putting training device as claimed in claim 1, and wherein the aperture defined by the bridge is located about midway between the opposite sides of the elongated frame.

11. (Currently Amended) A golf putting training device as claimed in claim 1, and wherein the channel defined by the elongated frame has a width dimension as measured between the opposite sides of elongated frame, and wherein a golf putter having a club head with a heel and a toe has a length dimension as measured between the heel and toe of the club head, and wherein the width dimension of the channel is greater than the length dimension of the club head, and the opposite sides of the elongated frame are located near the heel and toe of the club head.

12. (Currently Amended) A golf putting training device as claimed in claim ~~1~~ 11, and wherein ~~at least one of the opposite ends~~ each end of the elongated frame defines, in part, a semicircular portion.

13. (Previously Presented) A golf putting training device as claimed in claim 12, and wherein a resilient shock absorbing surface is mounted on the semicircular portion.

14. (Currently Amended) A golf putting training device, comprising:

an elongated rectangular frame having opposite ends and defining a length dimension which represents a putting distance to an imaginary cup, which is positioned at each end of the elongated rectangular frame, and opposite sides which define a width

dimension which is operable to receive a golf club head therebetween, and wherein the opposite sides of the elongated frame are positioned near the golf club head; and

a bridge fixedly mounted on the elongated frame and extending between the opposite sides, and wherein the bridge is mounted intermediate the opposite ends of the frame and which defines, in part, an aperture through which a properly aligned golf ball putted by the golf club head may pass in either direction to traverse the putting distance to the imaginary cup which is located on the opposite ends of the elongated rectangular frame.

15. (Currently Amended) A golf putting training device as claimed in claim 14, and wherein each end of the elongated frame defines a semi-circular portion having a dimension which simulates in part the dimension of the imaginary cup.

16. (Previously Presented) A golf putting training device as claimed in claim 14, and wherein elongated frame includes a first and second portion which may be positioned in a first, operable orientation, and a second inoperable orientation.

17. (Withdrawn) A golf putting training device as claimed in claim 14, and wherein the elongated frame has a first and second portion which are releasably coupled together to form the elongated frame, and wherein the first and second portions may be readily uncoupled from each other to facilitate storage of the golf putting training device.

18. (Withdrawn) A golf putting training device as claimed in claim 14, and wherein the elongated frame has a first and second portion, and wherein one of the first or second portions defines an internal cavity, and wherein one of the first or second portions telescopes internally within the internal cavity defined by the other to facilitate storage of the golf putting training device.

19. (Previously Presented) A golf putting training device as claimed in claim 14, and further comprising:

a flexible surface upon which the golf ball travels and which cooperates with the frame.

20. (Previously Presented) A golf putting training device as claimed in claim 19, and wherein the elongated frame rests upon the flexible surface, and wherein the flexible surface has a length and width dimension at least as great as the length and width dimension of the elongated frame.

21. (Previously Presented) A golf putting training device as claimed in claim 19, and wherein the flexible surface is releasably affixed to the elongated frame, and has a length and width dimension at least as great as the length and width dimension of the elongated frame.

22. (Currently Amended) A golf putting training device, comprising:

an elongated frame having opposite sides, and ends and defining a channel which has a length and a width dimension and which is operable to receive the club head of a golf putter which has a heel and a toe, and wherein the width dimension of the channel is greater than the length dimension of the club head when measured between the heel and toe thereof, and wherein the opposite sides of the elongated frame are positioned in closely spaced relation relative to the heal and toe of the golf club head when the golf club head is oriented substantially perpendicular to the opposite sides of the elongated frame, and

a bridge fixedly mounted on the elongated frame and located intermediate the opposite ends, and wherein the bridge defines in part an aperture through which a golf ball having a radius may pass when the golf ball is placed in the channel and struck by the club head of the golf putter, and wherein the aperture provides an aiming point for the golfer to facilitate the proper alignment of a putt, and wherein the passage of the golf ball through the aperture demonstrates a proper alignment of a putt, and wherein the elongated frame has a height dimension greater than the radius of the golf ball, and wherein the golf ball may be putted in opposite directions through the aperture and towards the opposite ends of the elongated frame to simulate putts of various lengths.

23. (Previously Presented) A golf putting training device as claimed in claim 22, and wherein the elongated frame has a first and second portion which are hingedly mounted together, and which permits the golf putting training device to be folded for storage.

24. (Previously Presented) A golf putting training device as claimed in claim 23, and wherein first and second portion each have a length dimension, and wherein these length dimensions are unequal.

25. (Currently Amended) A golf putting training device as claimed in claim 22, and wherein ~~at least one of the opposite ends of the~~ each of the opposite ends of the elongated frame defines, in part, a semicircular portion which simulates an imaginary cup.

26. (New) A golf putting training device, comprising:

an elongated rectangular frame having opposite ends, and sides and defining a channel therebetween, and wherein a semicircular cavity is defined by each of the opposite end portions, and which simulates, in part, a cup for receiving a golf ball which is putted by a golf putter which has a club head defined by a face and which has a length dimension, and wherein the channel has a width dimension which receives the golf club head, and wherein the opposite sides of the elongated frame are disposed in closely spaced relation relative to the golf club head when the golf club head is appropriately oriented in the channel; and

a bridge extending between the opposite sides of the elongated narrowly rectangular frame, and wherein the bridge defines, in part, an aperture through which the golf ball may pass, and wherein the golf putter may alternatively putt the golf ball at the simulated cups which are individually located at the opposite ends of the narrowly rectangular frame, and in opposite directions through the aperture defined by the bridge.